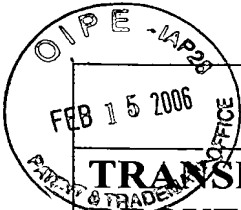


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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 9, 2005, for the above-identified application.

2. Applicant hereby requests a **four-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005 which set a one-month period for response ending on October 9, 2005. The four-month extended period for response expires on February 9, 2006. Please charge the **\$1590.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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